

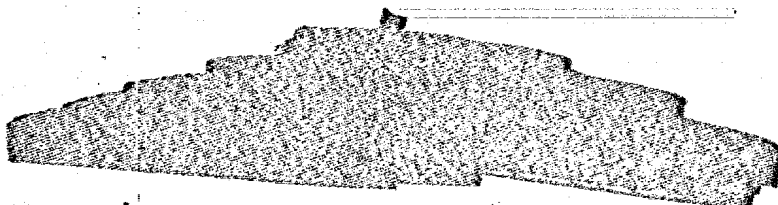
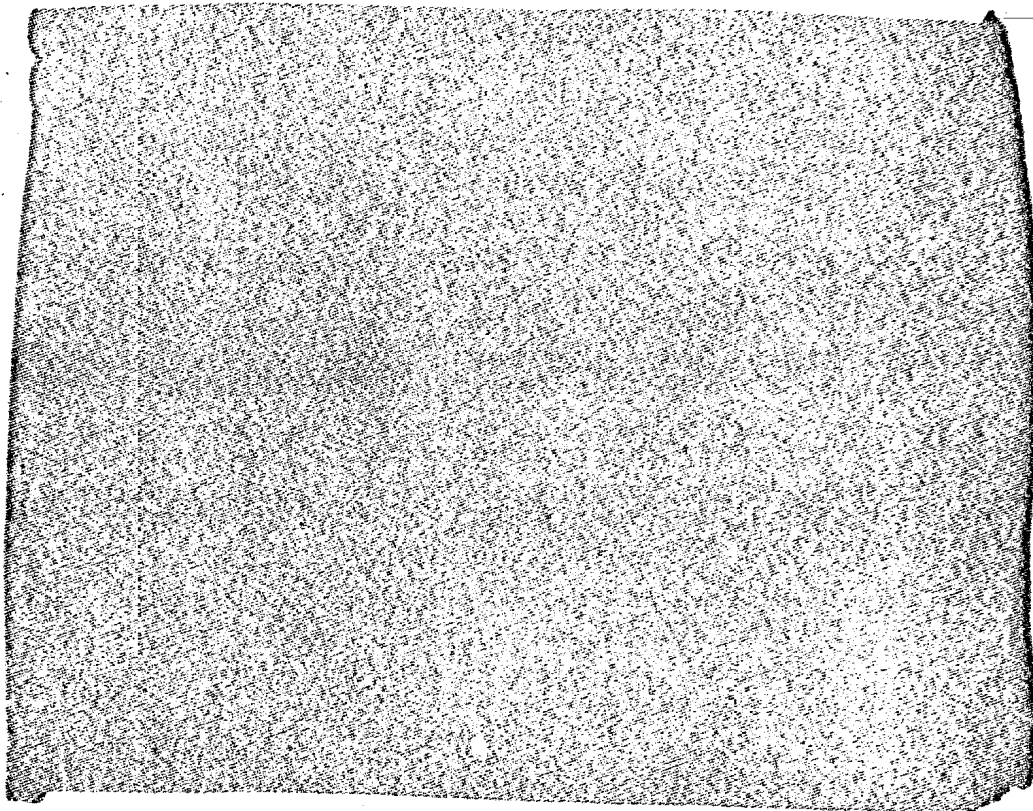
COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

DOI EARLY AUGUST 1966

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF A DEAD U.S. PILOT IN BAO THAI PROVINCE,
NORTH VIETNAM

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SOURCE



1. DURING A BOMBING RAID AT ABOUT 0800 HOURS IN EARLY AUGUST 1966, [REDACTED] SAW THREE U.S. JETS FLYING FROM THE WEST TOWARD THE THAI NGUYEN STEEL PLANT (WJ897835), BAC THAI PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. ONE OF THE JETS WAS HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE AND CRASHED. ABOUT TEN SECONDS AFTER THE JET WAS HIT, [REDACTED] SAW A RED PARACHUTE AND WATCHED IT DESCEND INTO THE PHUC TRUU VILLAGE AREA (ABOUT WJ862838), DONG HY DISTRICT, BAC THAI PROVINCE. THE OTHER TWO JETS CIRCLED THE AREA AND THEN LEFT.

2. AT ABOUT 1200 HOURS THE SAME DAY, [REDACTED] TALKED TO THREE WOMEN FROM HIS HAMLET WHO SAW THE PILOT DESCENDING INTO PHUC TRUU VILLAGE AND WENT TO THE SPOT WHERE THE PILOT LANDED. WHEN THEY ARRIVED, THEY FOUND THE PILOT WAS DEAD, HANGING BY HIS PARACHUTE FROM A TREE. SECURITY AGENTS FROM THAI NGUYEN CITY ARRIVED A SHORT WHILE LATER. THEY REMOVED THE PILOT'S BODY, PUT IT IN A TRUCK, AND DROVE AWAY TOWARD THAI NGUYEN CITY.

3. THE PILOT WAS A CAUCASIAN. HE WAS TALL WITH A LARGE BUILD, WEIGHING FROM 100 TO 120 KILOGRAMS. HE WAS BETWEEN 35

[REDACTED]

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AND 42 YEARS OLD, HAD CURLY BLOND HAIR, A ROSY COMPLEXION, A HIGH NOSE, AND EVEN WHITE TEETH. HE WAS WEARING A WRISTWATCH AND A GOLD RING ON HIS LEFT HAND.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

"THIS REPORT CANNOT BE DEFINITELY CORRELATED TO ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION IN JCRC RECORDS. THIS REPORT, HOWEVER, MAY DESCRIBE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS:

"A. LTC. ARTHUR F I N N E Y (JCRC NO. 0748) WAS FLYING AN F-104 ON A COMBAT ESCORT MISSION ON 1 AUGUST 1966 WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE AT WJ705756. HE EJECTED SUCCESSFULLY AND WAS SEEN TO DESCEND WITH A FULLY DEPLOYED CHUTE INTO A WOODED AREA OF LOW HILLS. LTC. FINNEY IS LISTED AS MIA.

"B. MAJ. CHARLES M O R G A N (JCRC NO. 0981) WAS THE ELECTRONICS WARFARE OFFICER IN AN F-105 ON 6 JULY 1966 ON A COMBAT MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE PLANE WAS IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR F-105'S. OTHER CREW REPORTS MENTION NUMEROUS MISSILE LAUNCHINGS AND HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE. IT WAS THIS ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE THAT BROUGHT DOWN MAJ. MORGAN'S PLANE AT WJ776774. MAJ.

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MORGAN IS CARRIED IN A STATUS OF MIA."

5. [REDACTED] DISSEMI DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE IN
SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND
VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY).

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